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## ENCOURAGING STEWARDSHIP OF STATE HERITAGE PROPERTIES THROUGH REPORTING ON STATUS & MAINTENANCE NEEDS

### SENATE BILL 3

SB3 resulted from the HJR32 interim study on Historic Preservation, with support from the full committee. The bill will amend the State Antiquities Act to require state agencies to report every two years on their heritage properties, to encourage better preservation of heritage properties under their jurisdiction. Although agencies are charged with identifying and protecting state properties under the Montana Antiquities Act, there is no systematic reporting. These state assets deserve to be maintained. Regular reporting by agencies on their heritage properties will foster better management and the opportunity for public-private partnering to ensure these historical gems are not overlooked or lost.

#### Some Examples:

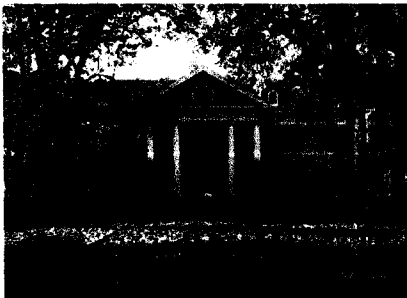
**State Lands Buildings** like the Mischka barns near Wibaux and Eagle Butte Schoolhouse are in danger of disappearing. It has been efforts by local residents that have provided upkeep for these state properties. The Eagle Butte Schoolhouse is being rescued by local residents who do not want to see it deteriorate further. DNRC staff nominated recently the building to the National Register of Historic Places and they are helping with plans to stabilize and reuse.

**Institutions** The agency had the Boulder Administration Building on the list for demolition in 2005, when legislators determined to provide funds to stabilize rather than demolish this impressive building. It has since been mothballed and there is interest in a redevelopment plan.

**Universities** Montana's university system administers buildings on their campuses along with such properties as the Daly Mansion and the ag stations. Preservation of the Daly Mansion is a great example of state funds for maintenance, leveraged by a local board that manages and fundraises, and substantial federal funding that has helped with restoration.

**State Parks** Montana's State Park system includes 19 cultural parks, and such important heritage properties as Bannack, Chief Plenty Coups' Home, Elkhorn buildings and the Anaconda Stack. Parks has secured federal fund and made great strides at Bannack and Chief Plenty Coups in recent years, but many other frontier-era properties such as Gallatin City Hotel at Headwaters State Park are in urgent need of repair. FWP also owns historic buildings outside of their parks in wildlife management areas, fishing access and other properties which could benefit from regular stewardship review and cultivating partnerships to assist with needed funds and programming.

**Montana Heritage Commission** The Heritage Commission owns and manages some 250 buildings at Virginia and Nevada Cities. The commission has leveraged efforts by partners such as MT Preservation Alliance and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and funds through J.M. Kaplan Fund, private donors, and federal Save America's Treasures to accomplish much repair and stabilization of these buildings.



From top: Mischka Barns, Eagle Butte School, Boulder River School,  
Daly Mansion, Gallatin City Hotel, Gilbert Brewery

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